

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 6990

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LCO No. 3550

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Referred to Committee on Program Review and Investigations

Introduced by: (PRI)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE-ISSUED CREDENTIAL FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (Effective from passage) The Department of Education shall
- 2 develop a plan for a state-issued credential for paraprofessionals with
- 3 instructional responsibilities in public schools in kindergarten to grade
- 4 twelve, inclusive. The plan shall provide that only those applicants
- 5 that are citizens of the United States or lawfully residing immigrant
- 6 aliens may be credentialed. Not later than January 1, 2008, the
- 7 department shall submit the plan with recommendations for
- 8 implementation of the credentialing process to the joint standing
- 9 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
- 10 relating to education, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
- 11 statutes.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following |
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| sections: |
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Section 1 | from passage | New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Education to develop a plan for implementation of a state-issued credential for instructional paraprofessionals.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]